

BEFORE THE  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
 WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the Matter of	)	MM Docket No. _____
	)	
Amendment of Section 73.202(b)	)	RM No. _____
Table of Allotments	)	
FM Broadcast Stations	)	
Ringgold, Louisiana	)	

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To: The Allocations Branch  
 Policy and Rules Division  
 Mass Media Bureau

**PETITION FOR RULEMAKING**

Black Lake Broadcasting Company ("Black Lake"), by counsel, hereby petitions the Federal Communications Commission for the initiation of a rulemaking proceeding to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202 of the Commission's Rules, to assign FM Channel 253C3 to the community of Ringgold, Louisiana, as follows:

City	Present	Proposed
Ringgold, Louisiana	--	253C3

1. As indicated in the attached Engineering Statement (attached hereto as Exhibit 1), Channel 253C3 can be assigned to Ringgold in complete compliance with the Commission's distance separation requirements as contained in 47 CFR §73.207. The reference coordinates: 32-19-49 N 93-12-33 W presents a city grade contour that entirely encompasses the city of Ringgold, Louisiana. The sample transmitter site fully complies with all of the

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Commission's minimum mileage separation requirements. Additionally, there is a wide area available for placing an appropriate transmitter.

2. Ringgold is a town located in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. According to the 1990 Census, Ringgold has a population of 1856 persons. At present, the community is not receiving community service from any aural service. Therefore, the public interest will be served by the assignment of Channel 253C3 to Ringgold, Louisiana.

3. If the Commission assigns Channel 253C3 to Ringgold, Louisiana, Black Lake will apply for a construction permit and will construct a new facility upon award of that permit.

**WHEREFORE**, in accordance with the above, Black Lake Broadcasting Company respectfully requests that Channel 253C3 be assigned to Ringgold, Louisiana.

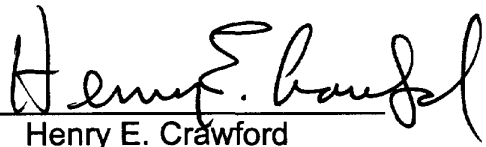
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Black Lake Broadcasting  
Company

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Its Attorney

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**EXHIBIT 1**

Black Lake Broadcasting Company

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Ringgold, Louisiana  
FM Channel 253C3

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STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
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COUNTY OF PEORIA            )            SS:

F. W. Hannel, after being duly sworn upon oath,  
deposes and states:

He is a registered Professional Engineer, by  
examination, in the State of Illinois;

He is a graduate Electrical Engineer, holding Bachelor  
of Science and Master of Science degrees, both in Electrical  
Engineering;

His qualifications are a matter of public record and  
have been accepted in prior filings and appearances requiring  
Scrutiny of his professional qualifications;

The attached Engineering Report was prepared by him  
personally or under his supervision and direction and;

The facts stated herein are true, correct, and  
complete to the best of his knowledge and belief.

June 27, 1999



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Ringgold, Louisiana  
FM Channel 253C3

**ENGINEERING STATEMENT**

This firm has been retained by Black lake Broadcasting Company to prepare this engineering statement in support of its Petition to Amend the FM Table of Allotments to assign FM Channel 253C3 to the community of Ringgold, Louisiana as its first local aural service.

Ringgold, Louisiana has a population of 1856 persons, according to the Rand McNally Atlas, and is fully qualified as a community for FM Allotment purposes. Ringgold is located in Beinville Parish, which has a population of 15979 persons, and the community is fully qualified under Commission standards as a community deserving of a first local aural service.

The community of Ringgold, Louisiana is located at US Atlas geographic co-ordinates N32-19-42, W93-16-54, and a sample transmitter site located at geographic co-ordinates N32-19-49, W93-12-33, will fully comply with the Commission's minimum mileage separation requirements as well as the city grade coverage requirements. The sample site is 9.6 miles, (15.8 kilometers), southeast of Ringgold and a transmitter operating from this allotment site will fully illuminate the entire community with the required 70 dbu signal.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that the FM Table of Allotments be amended as follows:

Community	Present	Proposed
Ringgold, Louisiana	-----	253C3

The changes outlined in this Counterproposal clearly serve the public interest that is superior to the proposal as contained in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. In the published proposal, no community receives a first service, but only expanded and upgraded service for existing facilities. In contrast, this Counterproposal seeks the addition of a first service to a qualified community and should be granted over the proposal to simply expand existing service.

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Ringgold, Louisiana  
FM Channel 253C3

**Exhibit E-1**

**FM Channel Study**  
**FM Channel 253C3**  
**N32-19-49 W93-12-33**

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Texarkana	TX	251	C	U	98.1	96.0	310.3°	2.1
KTALFM	Texarkana	TX	251	C	L	98.1	96.0	310.3°	2.1
ALC	Leesville	LA	252	C3	A	118.5	99.0	185.0°	19.5
ALC	West Monroe	LA	252	C2	U	130.5	117.0	96.5°	13.5
KYEA	West Monroe	LA	252	C2	L	120.2	117.0	72.3°	3.2
ALC	El Dorado	AR	254	C3	U	108.9	99.0	26.7°	9.9
KLBQ	El Dorado	AR	254	C3	L	108.9	99.0	26.6°	9.9
ALC	Oakdale	LA	254	C1	U	162.8	144.0	158.6°	18.8
KKST	Oakdale	LA	254	C1	L	158.7	144.0	155.0°	14.7
ALC	Carthage	TX	255	C1	U	76.5	76.0	274.8°	0.5
KTUX	Carthage	TX	255	C1	L	76.5	76.0	274.8°	0.5

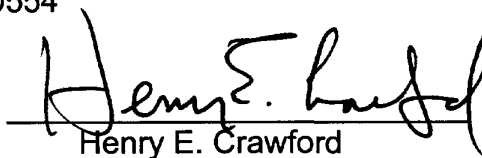
All Distances in Kilometers

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Henry E. Crawford, do hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Petition for Rulemaking have been served by United States mail, postage prepaid this 29th day of June, 1999 upon the following:

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